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USF CERTIFICATION – FCC DOCKET NO. 96-45

Please find enclosed a copy of an Affidavit filed with the North Dakota Public Service Commission by each of the following companies:

- 1. **BEK Communications Cooperative**
- 2. Consolidated Telcom
- 3. Dakota Central Telecommunications Cooperative and Dakota Central Telcom I
- Dickey Rural Access, Inc., Dickey Rural Telephone Cooperative, and Dickey Rural 4. Communications, Inc.
- 5. Griggs County Telephone Company and Moore & Liberty Telephone Company
- 6. Halstad Telephone Company and HTC Services, Inc.
- 7. Inter-Community Telephone Company, LLC
- Midstate Communications, Inc., and Midstate Telephone Company 8.
- Missouri Valley Communications, Nemont Telephone, and Sagebrush Cellular, Inc. 9.
- 10. North Dakota Telephone Company
- 11. Northwest Communications Cooperative
- Polar Communications Mutual Aid Corporation, Polar Telcom, Inc., and Wolverton 12. Telephone Company
- Red River Rural Telephone Association 13.
- Reservation Telephone Cooperative 14.
- 15. Turtle Mountain Communications, Inc., and United Telephone Mutual Aid Corporation
- 16. West River Telecommunications Cooperative

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These Affidavits certify that all universal service support will only be used by the undersigned carrier for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended. You may already have received a signed original of the Affidavit from each one of the companies listed above.

The aforementionned carriers have also filed this Affidavit with the North Dakota Public Service Commission, and it is anticipated that the North Dakota Public Service Commission will also certify by October 1, 2008, that the carriers will only use said universal service support for its intended purpose. However, because of the importance of this issue, and the fast-approaching certification deadline of October 1, 2008, the aforementioned carriers are also providing certification directly to the Federal Communications Commission to ensure that the carriers continue to receive the universal service support for which they are eligible.

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Enclosures

AFFIDAVIT OF BEK COMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE REGARDING CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPLY & Inspected

| State of North Dakota |) | SEP 18-2008 |
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| |) ss. | FCC Mail Room |
| County of Kidder |) | 1 OO Wall Moolij |

Derrick Bulawa, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

- 1. Affiant is employed by BEK Communications Cooperative (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of Manager.
- 2. The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter, the "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost universal service support (hereinafter, the "Support") pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. The North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter, the "NDPSC") has designated the Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier.
- 3. Affiant is personally familiar with all of the Support received by the Company, and with how the Company uses all of Support that it receives.
- 4. The Company is filing this affidavit in compliance with the order of the Federal Communication Commission (hereinafter, "FCC") dated May 23, 2001, in Docket Number 96-45 (FCC 01-157) (hereinafter, the "Order"), as codified in 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, which requires certification to the FCC that all federal Support will be used by carriers within each state only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, as required by Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company is also filing this affidavit in compliance with the Orders of the NDPSC dated August 28, 2001, in Case No. PU-439-01-460 and dated August 28, 2002, in Case No. PU-439-02-441. This affidavit is filed to facilitate the Company's receipt of federal Support for all four quarters of 2009 and for all quarters thereafter.
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| (h) access to directory assistance; and (i) consumers. | - · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · |
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| Dated this day of August, 2008. | |
| | BEK COMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE |
| | By Derrick Bulawa Its: Manager |
| State of North Dakota)) ss. | |
| County of Kidder) | |
| On this day of August, 2008, be County and State, personally appeared DER Manager of BEK COMMUNICATIONS COOPERA and that executed the within instrument, and a executed the same. | ATIVE, the corporation that is described in |
| | , Notary Public For the State of North Dakota My commission expires: |

AFFIDAVIT OF CONSOLIDATED TELCOM REGARDING Heceived & Inspected CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT SEP 18 2008

| State of North Dakota |)) ss. | FCC Mail Room |
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| County of Stark |) | |

Paul Schuetzler, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

- 1. Affiant is employed by Consolidated Telcom (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of Manager.
- 2. The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter, the "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost universal service support (hereinafter, the "Support") pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. The North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter, the "NDPSC") has designated the Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier.
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| emergency services; (f) access to operator services; (g) access to interexchange service; (h) access to directory assistance; and (i) toll limitation for qualifying low-income consumers. |
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| Dated this day of August, 2008. |
| CONSOLIDATED TELCOM |
| By Paul Schuetzler Its: Manager |
| State of North Dakota)) ss. County of Stark) |
| On this day of August, 2008, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared PAUL SCHUETZLER, known to me to be the Manager of CONSOLIDATED TELCOM, the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same. |
| , Notary Public For the State of North Dakota My commission expires: |

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AFFIDAVIT OF DAKOTA CENTRAL TELECOM I REGARDING CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SURFERING & Inspected

| State of North Dakota |) | SEP 18 2008 |
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| |) ss. | FCC Mail Room |
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Keith Larson, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

- 1. Affiant is employed by Dakota Central Telecom I (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of Manager.
- 2. The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter, the "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost universal service support (hereinafter, the "Support") pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. The North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter, the "NDPSC") has designated the Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier.
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| emergency services; (f) access to operator services (h) access to directory assistance; and (i) consumers. | |
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| Dated this day of August, 2008. | |
| | DAKOTA CENTRAL TELECOM I |
| | By Keith Larson Its: Manager |
| State of North Dakota)) ss. County of Foster) | |
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| | , Notary Public For the State of North Dakota My commission expires: |

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| State of North Dakota |)) ss. | | FCC Mail Room |
| County of Foster |) | | |

Keith Larson, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

- 1. Affiant is employed by Dakota Central Telecommunications Cooperative (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of Manager.
- 2. The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter, the "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost universal service support (hereinafter, the "Support") pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. The North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter, the "NDPSC") has designated the Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier.
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| (h) access to directory assistance; and (i) consumers. | - 107 |
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| Dated this day of August, 2008. | |
| | DAKOTA CENTRAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE |
| | By Keith Larson Its: Manager |
| State of North Dakota)) ss. County of Foster) | |
| On this day of August, 2008, be County and State, personally appeared KEITH of DAKOTA CENTRAL TELECOMMUNICATION described in and that executed the within instruction executed the same. | S COOPERATIVE, the corporation that is |
| | , Notary Public For the State of North Dakota My commission expires: |
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| State of North Dakota |)) ss. | | FCC Mail Room |
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Jeff Wilson, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

- 1. Affiant is employed by Dickey Rural Access, Inc. (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of Manager.
- 2. The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter, the "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost universal service support (hereinafter, the "Support") pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. The North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter, the "NDPSC") has designated the Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier.
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| emergency services; (f) access to operator service) access to directory assistance; and (i) consumers. | |
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| Dated this day of August, 2008. | |
| | DICKEY RURAL ACCESS, INC. |
| | By |
| State of North Dakota)) ss. | |
| County of Dickey) | |
| On this day of August, 2008, be County and State, personally appeared JEFF W DICKEY RURAL ACCESS, INC., the corporation within instrument, and acknowledged to me that | that is described in and that executed the |
| | , Notary Public For the State of North Dakota My commission expires: |

AFFIDAVIT OF DICKEY RURAL TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE REGARDING SEP 18 2008
CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

| State of North Dakota |) | FCC Mail Room |
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| |) ss. | |
| County of Dickey |) | |

Jeff Wilson, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

- 1. Affiant is employed by Dickey Rural Telephone Cooperative (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of Manager.
- 2. The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter, the "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost universal service support (hereinafter, the "Support") pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. The North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter, the "NDPSC") has designated the Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier.
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| Dated this day of August, 2008. | |
| · | DICKEY RURAL TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE |
| | Jeff Wilson Its: Manager |
| State of North Dakota)) ss. County of Dickey) | |
| On this day of August, 2008, be County and State, personally appeared JEFF W DICKEY RURAL TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, the executed the within instrument, and acknowled the same. | e corporation that is described in and that |
| | , Notary Public For the State of North Dakota My commission expires: |

AFFIDAVIT OF DICKEY RURAL COMMUNICATIONS, INC. REGARDING SEP 18 2008 CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

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State of North Dakota)
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County of Dickey)

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Jeff Wilson, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

- 1. Affiant is employed by Dickey Rural Communications, Inc. (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of Manager.
- 2. The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter, the "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost universal service support (hereinafter, the "Support") pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. The North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter, the "NDPSC") has designated the Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier.
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| Dated this day of August, 2008. | |
| | DICKEY RURAL COMMUNICATIONS, INC. |
| | By |
| State of North Dakota) ss. | |
| County of Dickey) | |
| On this day of August, 2008, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared JEFF WILSON, known to me to be the Manager of DICKEY RURAL COMMUNICATIONS, INC., the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same. | |
| | , Notary Public For the State of North Dakota My commission expires: |

RESIDENCE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. PU-439-02-441

AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN DOCKET NO. 96-45

AFFIDAVIT OF GRIGGS COUNTY TELEPHONE COMPANY DECENTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL TO THE PROPERTY OF THE PR

| State of North Dakota |)) ss |
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| County of Griggs |) |

Ray G. Brown, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

- Affiant is employed by Griggs County Telephone Company (hereinafter, the 1. "Company"), in the position of Manager.
- The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning 2. of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter, the "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost universal service support (hereinafter, the "Support") pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. The North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter, the "NDPSC") has designated the Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier.
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| Dated this day of August, 2008. | |
| | GRIGGS COUNTY TELEPHONE COMPANY |
| - | By |
| | Ray G. Brown Its: Manager |
| State of North Dakota)) ss. | |
| County of Griggs) | |
| On this day of August, 2008, It County and State, personally appeared RAY of GRIGGS COUNTY TELEPHONE COMPANY, executed the within instrument, and acknowled the same. | the corporation that is described in and that |
| | , Notary Public |
| | For the State of North Dakota |
| | My commission expires: |
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BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. PU-439-02-4
AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN DOCKET NO. 96-45

OF FIDAVIT OF MOORE AND LIBERTY TELEPHONE COMMUNICATION OF LISE OF THE CERTIFICATION OF THE CERTI BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. PU-439-02-441

| State of North Dakota |)) ss |
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| County of Ransom |) |

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Ray G. Brown, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

- Affiant is employed by Moore and Liberty Telephone Company (hereinafter, 1. the "Company"), in the position of Manager.
- The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning 2. of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter, the "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost universal service support (hereinafter, the "Support") pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. The North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter, the "NDPSC") has designated the Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier.
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| Dated this day of August, 2008. | | |
| | MOORE AND LIBERTY TELEPHONE COMPANY | |
| | By Ray G. Brown Its: Manager | |
| State of North Dakota) | | |
|) ss. County of Ransom) | | |
| On this day of August, 2008, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared RAY G. BROWN, known to me to be the Manager of MOORE AND LIBERTY TELEPHONE COMPANY, the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same. | | |
| | , Notary Public For the State of North Dakota My commission expires: | |

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AFFIDAVIT OF HALSTAD TELEPHONE COMPANY REGARDING
CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

| State of Minnesota |) |
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| County of |) |

Ronald LaQua, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

- Affiant is employed by Halstad Telephone Company (hereinafter, the 1. "Company"), in the position of Manager.
- The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning 2. of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter, the "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost universal service support (hereinafter, the "Support") pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. The North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter, the "NDPSC") has designated the Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier.
- Affiant is personally familiar with all of the Support received by the Company. and with how the Company uses all of Support that it receives.
- The Company is filing this affidavit in compliance with the order of the Federal Communication Commission (hereinafter, "FCC") dated May 23, 2001, in Docket Number 96-45 (FCC 01-157) (hereinafter, the "Order"), as codified in 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, which requires certification to the FCC that all federal Support will be used by carriers within each state only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, as required by Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company is also filing this affidavit in compliance with the Orders of the NDPSC dated August 28, 2001, in Case No. PU-439-01-460 and dated August 28, 2002, in Case No. PU-439-02-441. This affidavit is filed to facilitate the Company's receipt of federal Support for all four quarters of 2009, and for all quarters thereafter.
- The Company hereby certifies that it will only use the Support that the Company receives during the four quarters of 2009 (and all quarters thereafter) for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the Support is intended pursuant to and consistent with Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company will use the Support to support the following services, as designated in 47 C.F.R. § 54.101, throughout the Company's study area: (a) voice grade access to the public switched network; (b) local usage; (c) dual-tone multi-frequency signaling or its functional equivalent; (d) single-party service or its functional equivalent; (e) access to

| emergency services; (f) access to operator set (h) access to directory assistance; and (i consumers. | ervices; (g) access to interexchange service) toll limitation for qualifying low-income |
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| Dated this day of August, 2008 | • |
| | HALSTAD TELEPHONE COMPANY |
| | By Ronald LaQua Its: Manager |
| State of Minnesota)) ss. | |
| County of) | |
| On this day of August, 2008, to County and State, personally appeared RONA of HALSTAD TELEPHONE COMPANY, the corporthe within instrument, and acknowledged to make the within instrument. | oration that is described in and that executed |
| | , Notary Public |
| | For the State of Minnesota |
| | My commission expires: |

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AFIDAVIT OF HTC SERVICES. INC. PEGAST.

CERTIFICATION OF 1125 OF THE PEGAST.

| State of Minnesota |)) ss |
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| County of |) |

Ronald LaQua, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

- Affiant is employed by HTC Services, Inc. (hereinafter, the "Company"), in 1. the position of Manager.
- The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning 2. of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter, the "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost universal service support (hereinafter, the "Support") pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. The North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter, the "NDPSC") has designated the Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier.
- Affiant is personally familiar with all of the Support received by the Company, and with how the Company uses all of Support that it receives.
- The Company is filing this affidavit in compliance with the order of the Federal Communication Commission (hereinafter, "FCC") dated May 23, 2001, in Docket Number 96-45 (FCC 01-157) (hereinafter, the "Order"), as codified in 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, which requires certification to the FCC that all federal Support will be used by carriers within each state only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, as required by Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company is also filing this affidavit in compliance with the Orders of the NDPSC dated August 28, 2001, in Case No. PU-439-01-460 and dated August 28, 2002, in Case No. PU-439-02-441. This affidavit is filed to facilitate the Company's receipt of federal Support for all four quarters of 2009, and for all quarters thereafter.
- The Company hereby certifies that it will only use the Support that the Company receives during the four quarters of 2009 (and all quarters thereafter) for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the Support is intended pursuant to and consistent with Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company will use the Support to support the following services, as designated in 47 C.F.R. § 54.101, throughout the Company's study area: (a) voice grade access to the public switched network; (b) local usage; (c) dual-tone multi-frequency signaling or its functional equivalent; (d) single-party service or its functional equivalent; (e) access to

| emergency services; (f) access to operator services; (g) access to interexchange service; (h) access to directory assistance; and (i) toll limitation for qualifying low-income consumers. | |
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| Dated this day of August, 2008. | |
| HTC SERVICES, INC. | |
| By Ronald LaQua Its: Manager | |
| State of Minnesota)) ss. County of) | |
| On this day of August, 2008, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared RONALD LAQUA, known to me to be the Manager of HTC SERVICES, INC., the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same. | |
| For the State of Minnesota My commission expires: | |

RECEIVED TO THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. PU-439-02-441
AND SEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN DOCKET NO. 96-45

RECEIVED TO THE PROPERTY OF INTER-COMMUNITY TELEPHONE COMPANY

CERTIFICATION OF USE OF THE PROPERTY OF

| State of North Dakota |)) ss |
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| County of Barnes |) |

Keith Andersen, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

- Affiant is employed by Inter-Community Telephone Company, LLC (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of Manager.
- The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter, the "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost universal service support (hereinafter, the "Support") pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. The North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter, the "NDPSC") has designated the Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier.
- Affiant is personally familiar with all of the Support received by the Company, and with how the Company uses all of Support that it receives.
- The Company is filing this affidavit in compliance with the order of the Federal 4. Communication Commission (hereinafter, "FCC") dated May 23, 2001, in Docket Number 96-45 (FCC 01-157) (hereinafter, the "Order"), as codified in 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, which requires certification to the FCC that all federal Support will be used by carriers within each state only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, as required by Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company is also filing this affidavit in compliance with the Orders of the NDPSC dated August 28, 2001 in Case No. PU-439-01-460 and dated August 28, 2002, in Case No. PU-439-02-441. This affidavit is filed to facilitate the Company's receipt of federal Support for all four quarters of 2009, and for all quarters thereafter.
- The Company hereby certifies that it will only use the Support that the Company receives during the four quarters of 2009 (and all quarters thereafter) for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the Support is intended pursuant to and consistent with Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company will use the Support to support the following services, as designated in 47 C.F.R. § 54.101, throughout the Company's study area: (a) voice grade access to the public switched network; (b) local usage; (c) dual-tone multi-frequency signaling or its functional equivalent; (d) single-party service or its functional equivalent; (e) access to

| consumers. | toll limitation for qualifying low-income |
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| Dated this day of August, 2008. | |
| | INTER-COMMUNITY TELEPHONE COMPANY, LLC |
| | Ву |
| | Keith Andersen Its: Manager |
| State of North Dakota) ss. | |
| County of Barnes) | |
| On this day of August, 2008, be County and State, personally appeared KEITH AN of INTER-COMMUNITY TELEPHONE COMPANY, and that executed the within instrument, and ac executed the same. | LLC, the corporation that is described in |
| | , Notary Public For the State of North Dakota My commission expires: |
| | my commission expires. |